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Elba PD and CCSO make arrests for possession of controlled substance

Three people were arrested by local law enforcement last week on possession of controlled substance charges.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, Joshua Simmons, age 34, of Glenwood, Ala., was arrested by deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office on a possession of a controlled substance charge. His bond was set at \$5,000 for the charge, and he remained in the Coffee

County Jail as of press time this week.

Thursday morning, Dec. 1, Elba Police made two arrests. Heidi Brown, age 48, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond]. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:48 a.m. Thursday morning.

Brown and Hutcherson remained in the jail as of press time this week.

'Tis the season for increased burglary arrests

During the holiday season, it is common for the report of theft and burglary crimes to increase.

Last Wednesday, local law enforcement made three arrests with felony burglary charges included.

At 11:20 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, Wesley Stephenson, age 28, of Enterprise, Ala., was booked into the Coffee County Jail after being arrested by Stephenson deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He was charged with burglary - third degree, and possession

of a controlled substance. As of press time this week, Stephenson remained in the county jail with his bonds set at \$15,000 for the burglary charge, and \$5,000 for the possession charge.

Also, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, Elba Police made two burglary - third arrests.

According to county jail records, John Miller, age 33, of Elba was booked into the county jail as of press time this week.

Miller's bond for the

Elba Council to hold both December meetings on Dec. 12 due to holidays

The Elba City Council voted during its Nov. 28th meeting to hold the regular scheduled Elba City Council meeting for Monday Dec. 26, on the same night as the Monday, Dec. 12, regular scheduled meeting.

The two council meetings on Monday, Dec. 12, will follow a council workshop set for 5 p.m. The first

Two-vehicle accident Sunday, Dec. 4, claims life of Elba man

A two-vehicle crash Sunday, Dec. 4, at approximately 7:16 a.m., claimed the life of an Elba man.

Deanthony D'marcus Young, age 25, was fatally injured when the 2008 Chevrolet Impala he was driving collided head-on with a 2006 Dodge Ram, driven by Raymundo Garcia Jimenez, age 41, of Enterprise. According to Alabama State Troopers, Young was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on Alabama Hwy. 51 near the 13-mile marker, approximately 12 miles northeast of New Brockton, in Coffee County.

No further information was released by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division.



SANTA USHERS CHRISTMAS TO ELBA! The Elba Christmas Parade was held Monday evening, Dec. 5, and the jolly one made his annual appearance on top an Elba fire truck. Citizens of all ages were delighted to see Santa Claus as he waved to the crowd while Elba firefighters threw candy for all to enjoy. As Santa made his way to the grandstand area, he was greeted with confetti and loud cheers. More photos from the parade can be viewed on Page 10. Parade float winners included: "Best Theme" - National Security Group; "Best Float" - Bethany Baptist Church; and "Best Overall Entry" - Cook Chevrolet/Ford.

With effective date of Dec. 31st

New Brockton mayor resigns

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Dec. 5, for the regular monthly meeting, and Mayor Kathy Holley tendered her resignation as Mayor of New Brockton.

"I've enjoyed being Mayor of New Brockton and the support I have received over the years," Holley said. "This town is my home, and I cherish the day we moved here to raise our family. I have always tried to improve our town without destroying its character and special qualities,



Mayor Kathy Holley

all of which were an act of love for the citizens of New

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ELBA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING... Prior to the City of Elba's Christmas Parade held Monday evening, Dec. 5, Mayor Tom Maddox was joined by city council members and the Elba Queens for the official lighting of the city's Christmas tree. The tree is located in downtown Elba. Those pictured above include: (front) Petite Miss Elba Piper Astemborski, Little Miss Elba Bella Bane, Future Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith; (middle) Teen Miss Elba Taylor Day, Young Miss Elba Kayden Mosley, Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy, Junior Miss Elba Destinee Tidwell, and Mayor Maddox; (back) city council members Johnathon Lockett, A R Williams, Jane Brunson, and Bryan Grimes.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA CITY SCHOOLS BAND PROGRAM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. There is no fee to attend this community event.

DAV WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, will meet Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Citizens Center. This will be the annual Christmas get-together. There will be hors d'oeuvres, holiday cakes and other desserts along with coffee, hot tea, and iced tea. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



Aimee Senn (left) of Elba High School was named the 2022 Coffee County Good Citizen by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution John Coffee Chapter. Pictured with Senn is Liz Barton, John Coffee DAR Good Citizen's Award and Scholarship Contest Chair.

Elba High's Aimee Senn named Coffee County Good Citizen

Yuri Castillo receives Geneva County award

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution John Coffee Chapter held its annual Good Citizen's Reception recently to honor the Good Citizens selected from seniors attending the Coffee County and Geneva County High Schools.

Aimee Elizabeth Senn from Elba High School was designated as the Good Citizen from Coffee County, and Yuri Castillo from Geneva County High School was selected as the Good Citizen from Geneva County.

Created in 1934, this award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. These students were selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrated these

qualities to an outstanding degree.

Each year the John Coffee DAR Good Citizen's Chair, Liz Barton, works with the school counselors from the five high schools in Coffee County and this year with the counselors from the Geneva County High Schools who had three high schools competing this year. From the entries, one is selected from Coffee County and for the first time, one was selected from Geneva County.

Information on each Good Citizen from the competing schools is listed below:

Elba High School's

Aimee Elizabeth Senn is the daughter of Johnny and Melanie Senn.

Aimee is the Student Government Association President, Senior Beta President, Dance-line Co-Captain, Cheer Captain and is involved in softball and band.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" – Steven Wright

Up in Valley, Alabama an 82-year-old woman was recently arrested for nonpayment of some \$60 or \$80 of trash fees. Reading the history on her continued problems and court appearances during the last several years we can't side with the community citizens who are up in arms over her arrest. She had been personally contacted, phone calls made, and door hangers left on her door, but was ignoring them all, plus not showing up for court after being summoned by the court. If that were the norm, why should Elba citizens pay these required garbage fees if they (we) took a notion to not pay? She may have a long running beef with city hall or the garbage crew, but unfortunately someone has to pay for our government services in Valley, Chicago or Elba!

Anyone who has visited Colorado Springs, Colorado either when at Ft Carson on Army duty, with NATO forces in Cheyenne Mountain, Air Force Academy, the long established small local women's college, or just visiting the community, knows the beauty of the area. That image was recently tarnished by a mass shooting at a gay bar. Apparently the community is rallying around the LGBTQ community. A Colorado Springs male singing group that bills itself as a LGBTQ choir has scheduled a series of three pre-Christmas performances in the town and all three performances will be before an already sold-out audience! While all the residents would not identify as being LGBTQ members, many of them are embarrassed, and surely frightened, at their delightful community being the location of a mass shooting.

Numerous news outlets are reporting that former president Donald Trump openly suggested that the U.S. Constitution be ignored in relationship with the 2020 elections! Now what the context of that statement was, we don't know but it is scary. We are kinda proud of the long standing, much-esteemed U.S. Constitution and what it stands for, so . . . don't mess with it! Modifications are necessary from time to time as society changes but to just completely ignore it is – well it would be a disaster to the future of America. To their credit, national officials of both the Republican and the Democrat parties spoke out strongly in opposition to such an idea. Having voiced those thoughts, we have a nagging thought that it might have been by Trump's design . . . to get publicity and he struggles to stay on top politically. We recall the late Governor Jim Folsom saying, "Say what you want to about me, but spell my name right."

On a personal note, health officials have announced "A study found that an Alzheimer's drug slows decline but may have serious side effects." We read lots of stuff about Alzheimer's, due to losing our life mate to the 'stuff' so that headline piqued our interest. However, with the only "slight" slowing of progress and "possible" extreme side effects we probably would not have stepped forward and asked for that treatment to be administered to Heddy. The anguish of watching her decline was bad enough without feeling guilty for adding in induced serious side effects.



Annual Veterans Appreciation Hunt...

Shiloh Kennels Shooting Preserve was again host to a Veterans Appreciation Hunt in November of this year (group picture shown above). It was held at their facility just East of the Elba city limits. Two honored guests at this 2022 hunt were combat veterans 93-year-old Don Vosel and 96-year-old James Carter. One is retired right here in Coffee County while the other resides in Marianna, Fla. Their experiences vary with one being a retired helicopter pilot (and unit commander) who served his combat days in the Far East and the other served under General George Patton in his WWII trip across Europe in a tank outfit. Both have interesting stories to tell. They are pictured, to the right, with host Don Bradshaw.



Annual Veterans Appreciation Hunt...

Junior Miss Rattlesnake Rodeo Queen Taylor Day (left) and Teen Miss Rattlesnake Rodeo Queen Zalie McKelvy (right), both of Elba, participated last Friday night, Dec. 2, in the City of Opp Christmas Parade. Opp hosts the Rattlesnake Rodeo each Spring.



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NEW BROCKTON STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR ALL-STATE CHOIR... New Brockton High School student Reese Segall recently qualified for the 2023 Alabama All-State Choir. She completed a rigorous audition process, which included learning seven different advanced pieces of choral literature and auditioning live in a room of peers and an Alabama Vocal Association judge. Segall was chosen from roughly 1,500 students who auditioned throughout the state of Alabama in November, and she will represent NBHS and participate in the All State Festival at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center this coming March 9-11th.



Area DAR Good Citizens are shown in photo from left: Camryn Sanders, Geneva High School; Lily Rhoades, Enterprise High School; Aimee Senn, Elba High School; Liz Barton, John Coffee DAR Good Citizen's Award and Scholarship Contest Chair; Yuri Castillo, Geneva County High School; Cruz Smith, Zion Chapel High School; and Jacob Branch, Samson High School. Not pictured: Rachel Hall, Kinston High School; and Anna Clark, New Brockton High School.

DAR

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Geneva County High School's Yuri Castillo is the daughter of Manuel and Margoth Castillo.

Yuri is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Vice President of the Honor Society and is a member of the Alabama National Guard. Geneva High School's Camryn Sanders is a member of the Yearbook Staff, Beta Club, Skills USA and is the Panthers for Christ President.

Samson High School's Jacob Branch is the son of Jeffery and Cynthia Branch. Jacob is the Student Government Association President, National Honor Society President, Class Vice President, a member of Future Business Leaders of America and is involved in Varsity Baseball, basketball and football.

Zion Chapel High School's Cruz Smith is the son of Ezra and Rachel Smith. Cruz has been the Drum Captain throughout high school, he is the Student Government Association President, a member of the Robotics Build Team, member of Mu Alpha Theta, is

MAYOR

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Brockton."

Holley said several circumstances and tragedies in her family over the past three years led her to realize she could no longer deal with the chaos with individuals on the council.

"I can no longer be a part of the direction a couple of the councilmembers are choosing to take our town," Mayor Holley said.

With the added responsibilities she now has at home and the chaos of serving as mayor, she said she decided it best to step down as mayor, effective the end of the year on Saturday, Dec. 31st.

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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

EDWARD "MACK" MORRIS WESTBROOK

Mr. Edward "Mack" Morris Westbrook, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver, Rev. Cary Mauldin and Mr. Todd Westbrook officiating. Burial services followed in the Shady Grove Cemetery.

Those wishing to make donations in honor of Mr. Westbrook may do so to: Shady Grove Cemetery Fund c/o Wayne White, 5503 Highway 125, Elba, AL 36323.

Survivors include his wife: Carolyn Levett Westbrook, Elba; daughter: Lisa Ann Moore, Acworth, Ga.; sons: Edward "Wynn" Winston (Sherry) Westbrook, Montgomery, Ala., and Stephen Todd (DeeDee) Westbrook, Huntsville, Ala.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NORMAN HENDERSON

Mr. Norman Henderson, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, at his home.

Please no flowers. Cheryl wanted to help other edu-

cators by creating a scholarship for students in need at her Alma Mater - Troy University. Donations may be made to the General Scholarship Fund - Cheryl E. Nichols Annual Scholarship Fund.

Cheryl graduated with a BS in Education from Troy University and a MS in Library Science from the University of South Alabama. She taught school in Florida and Georgia before returning to Alabama. Cheryl retired in 2015 from Mobile County Schools where she was a Media Specialist. Cheryl was a member of the Friends of the Library in Mobile where she served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her father, LTC James Nichols, Elba; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J A Turner, Dawson, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nichols, Dawson, Ga.; and her 21-year-old kitty, Baby.

Survivors include her mother: Ann T Nichols, Elba; sister: Carole Mashburn (Chuck), Columbus, Ga.; niece: Ann Elizabeth Mashburn, Savannah, Ga.; nephew: Michael Mashburn, Columbus; and her favorite cousin: Melissa Burnett, Independence, Ky. Other survivors include her friends, Jea Dudley, Cindy McMillan, Ann Nelson, and Mimi Thomas, all from Mobile, Ala.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Rev. Steve Renear officiating. Visitation will be held at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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As we enter the holiday season, more people are venturing out to attend celebrations, happy hours and gatherings with family and friends. At many events, alcohol or other substances may be used. While this isn't necessarily a bad thing, if people choose to use alcohol or other substances and then get behind the wheel of a car, the results can be disastrous - anything from a ticket to jail time to a deadly accident. None of those are worth the risk! Every year over 10,000 people die from drunk driving related crashes and during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day alone over 200 people die from alcohol related crashes.

The good news is, there are ways to help prevent many of these accidents.

Educate yourself and others on the risks of impaired driving. Know there are no shortcuts to sobering up such as drinking coffee. Even if you wait an hour or so after your last drink there may still be alcohol in your system.

Have conversations ahead of time so you can avoid a more awkward exchange "in the moment."

Set specific expectations for safe choices at different events.

Encourage ride-sharing or if you are hosting a party, make sure to check with guests and see if they need a ride home.

If you have teenagers, talk to them about the dangers of impaired driving and getting into the car with someone who has used alcohol or other substances.

Offer to drive your teen to and from parties or coordinate with other parents. Even if your teen doesn't drink, they may still feel pressured to get a ride with someone who has been drinking.

If we all work together we can make this holiday season a safe and joyous time for all.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church

This Christmas, will you worship God?

The birth of Jesus was not only "good news of great joy," it was an occasion that seemed to naturally elicit the response of worship from everyone who heard about it. Let's start with the angels:

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men on whom his favor rests'" (Luke 2:13-14). The very first Christmas caused the angels of heaven to worship God.

What about the Shepherds? After finding the baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, "the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen . . ." (Luke 2:20). The shepherds worshipped God on this very first Christmas.

Let's not forget the wise men from the east. Matthew tells us about them. They followed the star to the house where Jesus was lying in the manger, and when they saw "the child with his mother Mary...they bowed down and worshipped him" (Matthew 2:11). Wise men worshipped Jesus.

The angels of heaven, the shepherds, the wise men from the east, they all worshipped. Don't miss this.

But there's another person in this story who needs mentioning, and that's Mary. Can you imagine being told that you are going to become pregnant by the Holy Spirit? Mary was likely just a young teen girl. I can only imagine what she must be thinking.

Follow the sequence: An angel appears to Mary and tells her she is "highly favored" by God (Luke 2:28). These words "greatly trouble" her we're told. (If she's greatly troubled by that, can you imagine what she must think when she hears the rest of the story?) She's simply told to "not be afraid" (vs. 30). But "How could this be?" she wants to know (vs. 34). Well, "Nothing is impossible with God," she's told (vs. 37).

I never cease to be amazed at this part of the story of Jesus' birth. How did Mary respond? "I am the Lord's servant," she answered. May it be to me as you have said" (Luke 2:38). She also breaks out in a song of praise to God: "And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . ." (Luke 2:46-47). Why not take a moment and read the entire song (Luke 2:46-55). Mary worships God.

This Christmas season, amidst all the hubbub and parties, don't forget to worship. Don't forget to praise God for the amazing thing he has done. He came to us as a helpless baby. He entered this world for us.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Share Your Church Holiday events with the Community!

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JOY TO THE WORLD...Several local churches had floats in the Elba Christmas Parade held Monday evening, Dec. 5, including this float from Mount Zion Baptist Church. The C.A.S.T. group [Christian Artists Sharing Truth] represented the church in the parade. More pictures from the Elba Christmas Parade can be viewed on Page 10 of today's paper.

Elba UMC's December events
Sunday, Dec. 11th at 6 p.m. - The Longest Night Worship Service
Sunday, Dec. 18th at 10 a.m. - Chancel Choir Cantata
Saturday, Dec. 24th at 6 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service ** The Sanctuary will remain open Dec. 24th until 8 p.m. for those who desire Holy Communion
Sunday, Dec. 25th at 10 a.m. - Christmas Day Worship Service ** All are welcome to wear Christmas pajamas and even bring a toy!

Basin Baptist Church extends invitation to Christmas services, Dec. 18th & 25th

Basin Baptist Church followed by the symbolic observance of the Lord's Supper.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m., the church choir will present a musical worship program. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. on this day - there is a class for all!

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, beginning at 10 a.m., the church will have an abbreviated music program

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**Covenant Community
CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:00 p.m.
p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Damascus Baptist
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**Dorcas Baptist
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Faith Chapel
Community Church**
Phillip Adecock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**First Assemblies of God
Kinston**
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

**Friendship Baptist
Church**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Elba Church of Christ
Philip Box, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**Friendship Holiness
Church**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**Elba Church of God
of Prophecy**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship
Tabernacle**
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**Greater New Zion
Baptist Church**
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**Elba First Baptist
Church**
Kir Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**Elba United
Methodist Church**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**Elba Zion Baptist
Church**
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Haw Hill Assembly
of God**
Shirlee Elston, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

Hebron Baptist Church
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Mount Olive Baptist
Church**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**Mount Zion Baptist
Church**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**New Hope Baptist
Church**
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**New Haven Assembly
of God Church**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Aye. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home. For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

Christmas Concert set for Sunday at Elba High School

The Elba City Schools Band Program's annual Christmas Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. No admission fee for this event.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new



MEMBER INITIATIONS... The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 initiated Joshua Dewayne Carmley and Stephen Scott Hunko into Elba Lodge during a meeting Monday evening, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m. Everyone enjoyed pizza and fellowship after the work. Those present included: (front, l to r) Joel Moore, Dale Stewart, Matt Brunson Sr., Mike Amison, Stephen Scott Hunko, Joshua Dewayne Carmley, Matt Brunson Jr., Lawrence Brown, Mike Murphy, Michael Phelps, and Neal Henderson; (middle, l to r) Steve Dewberry, Wendell Black, Larry Shaw, Ronnie Rawls, Chris Sanders, and Howard Oliver; and (back, l to r) Tommy Morrow, Jack Caradine, Earl Smith, and Drexell Richards.



NEW HOPE SENIORS TAILGATE... The senior citizens at the New Hope Sr. Center celebrated the Iron Bowl with Nick and Frosty. The seniors were dressed in their favorite team gear, shared food and laughter! Mrs. Conzuela Banks, center director, was the only Auburn fan so one of the seniors felt sorry for her and put the Auburn flag on like a cape. She stated, "I can't let Mrs. Connie be the only one!" Until next year...War Eagle and Roll Tide!

Landmark Park to host Victorian Christmas event

Landmark Park in Dothan will host its annual Victorian Christmas event on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 - 4 p.m.

Those who attend can listen to Christmas carols and visit with Santa while also enjoying snacks, arts and crafts, music, wagon rides and handmade decorations. A circuit riding preacher will deliver a holiday message.

Admission is free and visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.

Also, holiday photos will be made Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pose for your family Christmas photos with David Baker's horse drawn sleigh, parked in front of the Waddell House. Free with paid gate admission.

Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Regular daily admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for kids and free for park members and children 2 and under. Leashed pets allowed in dog walk area only.



ELBA LIONS CLUB SPEAKER... The members of the Elba Lions Club recently enjoyed hearing from local book author Rodrick Caldwell during their meeting. Caldwell penned the book "Man Thour Art Loosed". Those pictured above include Galen McWaters, Leo Brown, Caldwell, and James Kelley.

Coming in February...

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present - Forever Young [Your Life - Your Musical Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

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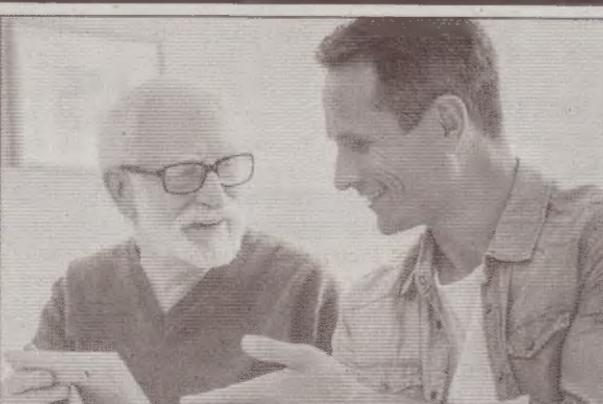
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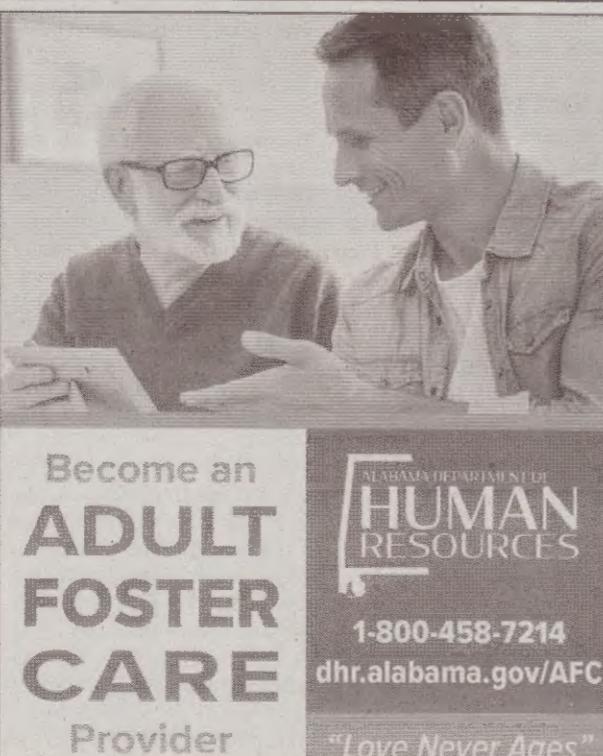
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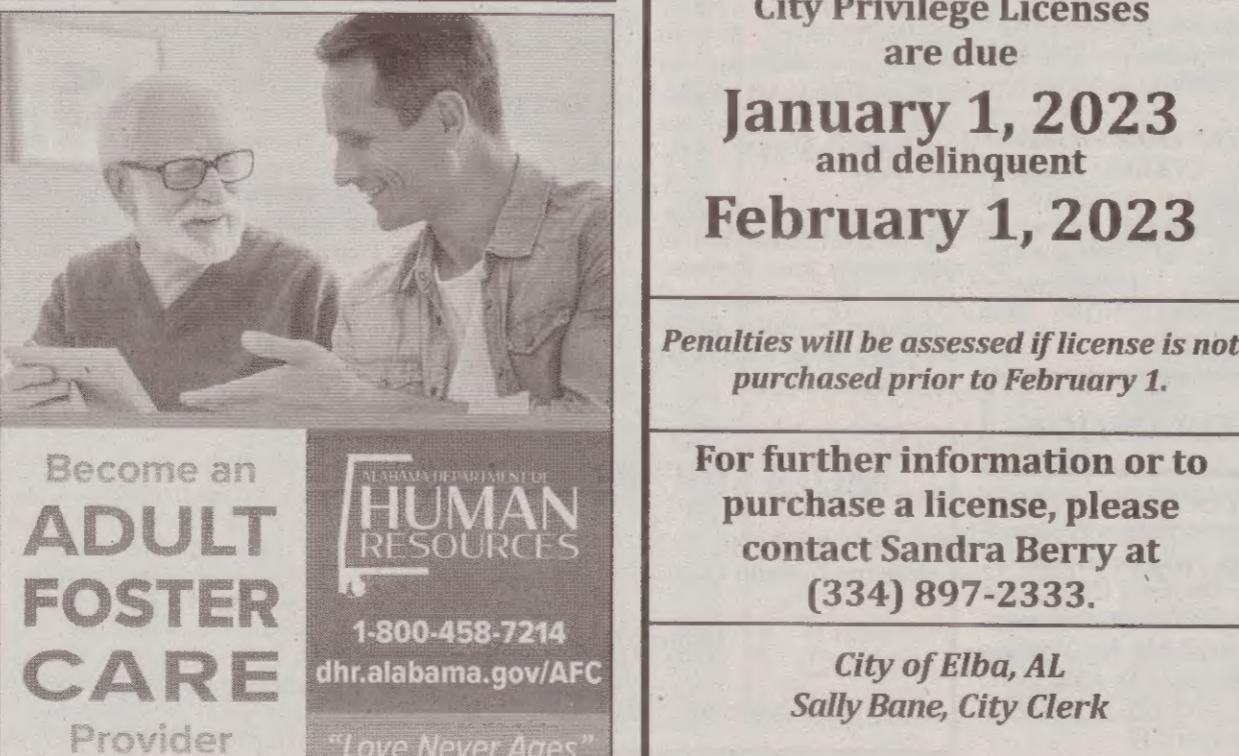


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Penalties will be assessed if license is not purchased prior to February 1.

For further information or to purchase a license, please contact Sandra Berry at
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Coffee County Highway Department Litter Pick Up Officer

Job Description: Duties & responsibilities include but are not limited to: supervise Work Release Inmates as they perform litter pickup alongside County roads. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License. Fringe Benefits: Paid Vacation, Sick Leave, Health Insurance, Holidays, and State Retirement. Salary: \$14.66/hour. Closing Date: Until position is filled.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Elba is accepting applications for Municipal Court Magistrate

Opening Date: Immediately Closing Date: Dec. 9, 2022

Job Summary: This is specialized administrative municipal judicial court work in the operation of the municipal court. Work involves the performance of clerical municipal court duties including issue warrants, maintain official court records and files as required, coordination of monthly court docket; entering each case into court computer; assigning case numbers and appropriate court date. Take pleas; prepares subpoenas, disposes of court cases and proceedings, coordinates and follows up with driver's license suspensions and citations. The duties are under the general direction of the Court Clerk but makes some independent decisions based on the experience and knowledge of court operations, municipal ordinance and state law. Must obtain Municipal Court Magistrate Certification within six (6) months of hire date. Ideal applicant needs to have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, ability to deal tactfully and courteously with public, defendants, and officers of the court, must possess computer skills and have knowledge of related office equipment.

Job Requirements: Ability to understand and follow oral or written instructions. Ability to work harmoniously with other employees. Have valid Drivers License.

Benefits: The City of Elba offers BCBS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holiday pay. Salary: Based on experience and qualifications.

Applications are available at
Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or
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Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

NOTICE is hereby given that CB&I Storage Tank Solutions LLC, 915 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, TX 77079, has completed all work on the 1,500,000 GALLON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK on Boll Weevil Circle (Highway 84 Bypass) in Enterprise, Alabama and sets November 21, 2022 as the date of final settlement. All persons and firms should file all claims for payment to the below address prior to December 21, 2022.

Water Works Board of the City of Enterprise c/o Poly, Inc. P.O. Box 837 Dothan, AL 36302 By: Michael Cheney Project Manager

11/17/24, 12/1&8-pd.

In accordance with Alabama Code 32 Section 32-13-1 the following vehicle(s) will be sold at auction on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 8:00 am at One Shot Auto, 1200 East Park Avenue, Enterprise AL 36330.

2007 Hyundai Santa Fe VIN #

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. An online sale will be held at www.storagegettreasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday December 15th, 2022. Personal Property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

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Subject to a sewer easement running North and South near the Eastern extremity of said property.

Also, known as Tax Parcel # 16-05-21-1-003-029.001

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ELBA SCHOOL NEWS

Student Spotlight

by Conner Herrington & Mikyla Daniels

What do you love about EHS? I love the community and how supportive the town is.

What do you like to do in your free time? Play video games or listen to music and read.

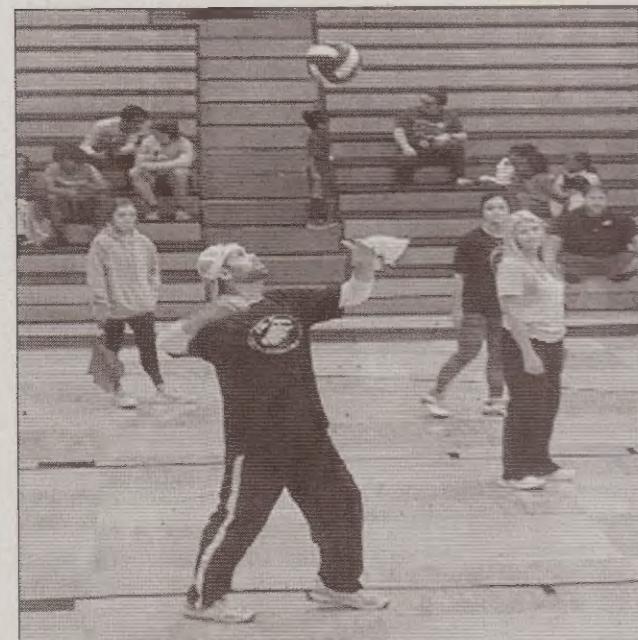
What clubs & organizations are you involved in at EHS? Football and Basketball

What are your plans for the future? Hopefully in college playing football and being a role model to the little kids.



J.T. Coleman
12th Grade Age: 18

What is your favorite subject in school? History



Faculty vs Seniors Volleyball Game

by Heidi Smith & Emily Mosley

The Faculty v. Seniors volleyball game took place Friday, Nov., 18th.

Students from the Senior class competed against faculty members in the game that helped raise money to purchase new volleyballs and equipment for next season. The game has been a great fundraiser for the EHS Volleyball Team for the last few years, and it is a fun way to wrap up the season.

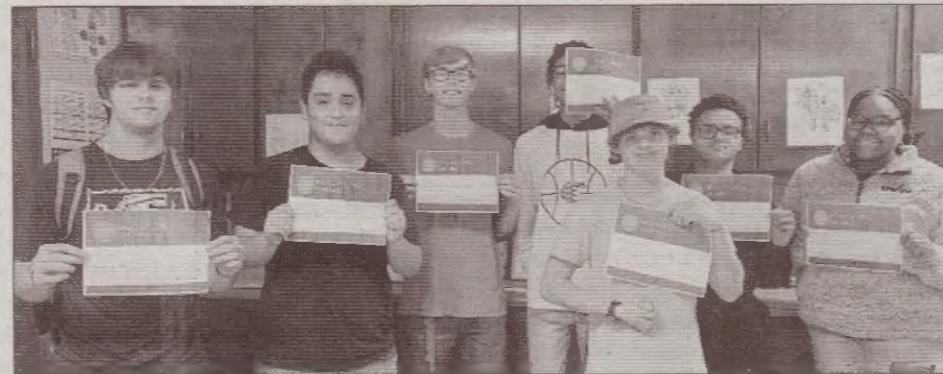
The teachers were undefeated in the matchup until this year. Soire may say it was because the faculty team was missing a few key players as Coach Austin Johnson was unable to play

Business class students earn Microsoft Office certifications

by Mary Shull

Students in Mrs. Stephanie Wright's business classes recently earned Microsoft certifications.

Students earned certification as Microsoft Office Specialist in Word, PowerPoint and Excel. To become Microsoft Office Specialists. Students must pass a timed exam in each program to earn the certifications.



Microsoft Specialists [left to right]: Keaton Poole, Jonas Magana, Bradley Chapman, Taylor Purvis, Alex Wisecup, Izaiah Johnson, and Yada Caldwell

Student-Athlete Spotlight

by Paisley Tillery & Valencia Mincey



Cameron Gray
11th Grade Age: 16

What sports do you play at EHS and for how long? I play football, basketball and baseball.

What is your favorite part of being on a team at EHS? My favorite part of being an Elba Tiger is building friendships with the other players, working as a team to accomplish goals, working with the coaches and being a part of history at Elba High School.

What is some advice you would give to younger players? Have confidence in any sport you play.

Who is your role model and why? The late Kobe Bryant. I love his mentality and the way he played. He just had a lot of love for the game and I really admire that.

Normally I don't let senior volleyball girls play in the match, only their senior classmates, but due to not many seniors being able to participate, I allowed three of the senior volleyball players to play. So, the seniors did have some experience and know-how on their side."

EHS students enjoyed watching the game. It was a good match and something fun to do before releasing for Thanksgiving Break.



Microsoft Specialists [left to right]: Si'Nia Smedley, Ja'Siyah Reed, Jonas Magana, and Matthew Santoro

Faculty Spotlight

by Emily Mosley & Heidi Smith



Alyssa A. Spicer
Jr. High Science teacher

How many years have you been teaching: 11

Where did you go to college? Alabama State University

What is your degree? Bachelor of Science in Biology and Secondary Education and currently completing my Master's in Instructional Leadership

Tell us about your family: I have 2 daughters Alyvia (10) and Aspyn (4)

What do you love about EHS? I love the community surrounding EHS. Also, the Jr. High teachers this year have made me feel like I am a part of something bigger than myself, and we are a cohesive unit.

What do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy watching my oldest daughter play soccer, traveling with my daughters, and binge-watching shows and movies.

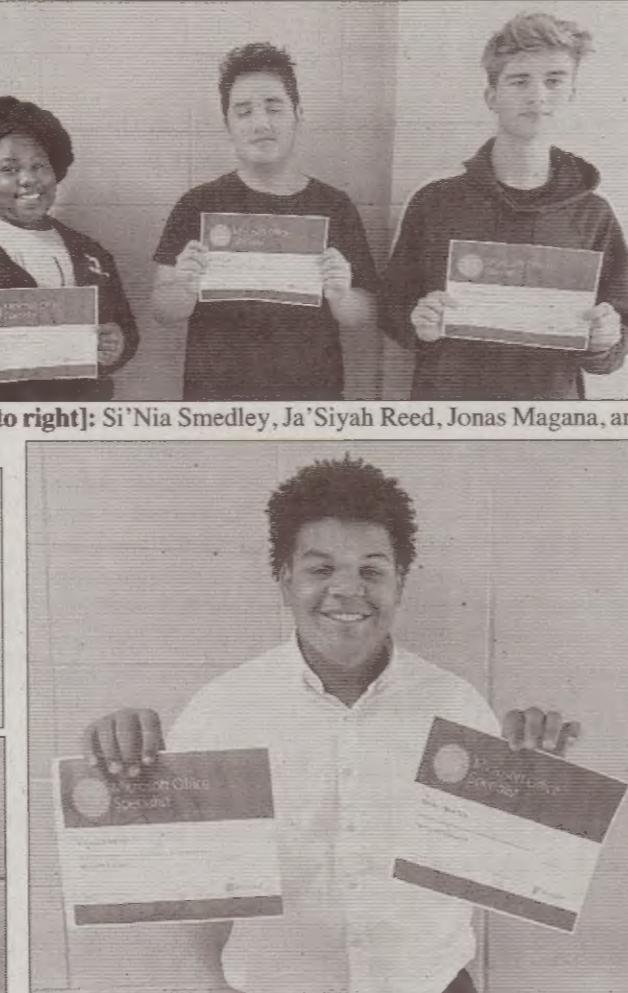
What is the most rewarding part of your job? The most rewarding part of teaching is the relationship I am able to build with my students. Getting to see them mature and learn new skills is a joy.

What is the one thing you hope your students learn from you? I hope my students learn to keep an open mind to new ideas and gain a growth mindset. I want them to have confidence in trying new things and being ok with not getting it right all the time. I hope they realize that failure is not a thing. You either succeed or you learn.

What is your favorite quote?

My favorite quote is, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." Maya Angelou

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

12/8,15,22-pd.

PUBLIC AUCTION
In accordance with S-32 Chapter 13 code of Alabama 1975, the following abandoned vehicle will be sold at auction on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at 1094 County Road 505, Elba, AL 36323.

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In the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama Elba Division

In the Matter of the Estate of Gurves Simmons, Deceased.

Case No. PC 2022-070

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Donald Simmons as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gurves Simmons, deceased, on the 21st day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY WAYNE HUDSON

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE

Several members of the Elba High School Senior Beta Club

Sr. Beta Club members stay active in school & community

by Clayton Parker

Elba High School's chapter of the National Beta Club was founded in 1939 and works to recognize academic achievers, reward students of high character, and foster service for school and community. The club consists of students in 9th grade through 12th grade and is sponsored by Ms. Jane Moseley.

The officers leading the club this year are Aimee Senn, President; Madison Maddaloni, Vice President; Adalyn O'Neal, Secretary; Zalie McKelvy, Treasurer; Destinee Tidwell, Historian; and Alayvia Stinson, Events Chairperson. The motto of the Beta Club is "Let Us Lead By Serving Others."

This year the club has 37 members and has been involved in several activities. October was a very busy month for club members as they assisted the elementary school with their Fall Festival by constructing and working the Haunted Hall along with working and volunteering with other games and activi-



Sha'Vaughnne Smith and Madelyn Tillery pass out candy to EHS students during break.

School, and made goody baskets for members of the community.

On November 3rd, several members of the Senior Beta Club attended the "Excellence in Leadership Conference at Troy University. While at the conference, students participated in team building activities and had the opportunity to participate in small group meeting related to many different aspects toward planning and preparation for their future as leaders in their community. Also, in November, the

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was at the house one afternoon last week and seemed a little disappointed that we had yet to put up our Christmas tree, and of course had no presents wrapped. His Nanny assured him she would wrap some presents over the weekend and put up the tree as soon as possible, and I know he will hold her to her promise since this is his favorite time of the year.

For what it is worth....

*** *Elba High tipped off its regular season* last week in basketball and it was a pretty good week as all three teams logged wins during a busy week of action. The Tigers bounced back after losing its third straight of the young season early in the week to defeat Samson and New Brockton for a pair of solid road wins. The Tigers have a basketball team filled with football players wearing sneakers, but they have 'Tiger Pride' and showed that in both wins as they overcame struggles to emerge with victories. Elba may not be the most talented team on the court many nights during the season, but if they play as hard as they did last week it could be a surprise season for the team and its fans. The Lady Tigers opened their season with a disappointing 1-2 record for the week, but did close the week's action with a win over county-rival New Brockton and have already found out they must play their best to have a chance to win no matter the opponent. The Tiger junior varsity won all three games last week and all three were nail-biters that weren't decided until the final seconds as it gave its fans their monies worth. I know the season is only a week old and there are a lot of games left on the schedule. However, after one week it looks like Elba may be better than most expected and should only get better.

*** *It was also a busy week for teams in the areas* as fans got out of the weather and into the gyms. In boys action, Brantley tipped off its season with a high-scoring win over Pleasant Home and no doubt has its

sights set on a return trip to Birmingham, while New Brockton stumbled out of the gates with a loss at home, Kinston continued to play hard and get better, and Zion Chapel roved once again it was going to play hard for all thirty-two minutes every night out. Over with the girls, New Brockton snapped its 68-game losing streak and is on the way back to respectability, while Brantley was much better than expected in a big opening win, Kinston played hard against superior opponents and Zion Chapel continued to improve every night out.

*** *The Super 7 high school football playoffs* were held last week at Auburn and it was quite a week as the state champs in all classes made it clear they were the best teams as none of the seven games were even close. Summing up the state finals on a nutshell (7A) Thompson won its fourth state title with a 49-24 win over Auburn as eighth grade quarterback Trent Seaborn competed 12 of 14 passes for 207 yards and five touchdowns. (6A) Saraland rushed for 358 yards and super sophomore Ryan Williams scored five touchdowns in a 38-17 win over Mt. Brook. (5A) Ramsey's Ashton Austin rushed for almost 300 yards and five touchdowns as Ramsey downed Charles Henderson 41-20. (4A) Andalusia coach Trent Taylor proved hard work and patience does indeed pay as he got his first state title in his 35th year coaching and 68th playoff game as his Bulldogs defeated Cherokee County 28-7. (3A) St. James claimed its first state title ever in football with a 45-28 win over Piedmont as junior quarterback KJ Jackson passed for 351 yards and five touchdowns. (2A) Fyffe held the ball for almost 35 minutes and Brodie Hicks rushed for 235 yards on 45 carries and scored five touchdowns as it claimed its sixth state title in the last nine years. (1A) Leroy quarterback Brayden Huebner rushed for five touchdowns and Pickens County threw three pass interceptions and was penalized for 131 yards as the Bears posted a 42-20 win. Three teams made the most of reclassification as Andalusia, Fyffe and Leroy all claimed state titles after moving down in class.

*** *The powers to be at Auburn University* ignored the wishes of the Cadillac Williams Fan Club last week in choosing Hugh Freeze as its next head football coach. While Freeze came to the plains after a four-year stay at Liberty, the new head coach is best known for resigning at Ole Miss after being tied to the use of a school cell phone to an escort service and getting the Rebels put on NCAA

probation. Freeze will reportedly make \$6.5 million a year to lead the Tigers and it will also cost Auburn \$3 million to get the coach out of his contract at Liberty. Many so-called 'big name' national sports reporters acted surprised that Auburn would hire a coach with so much baggage after it spent over \$30 million to get rid of its last two head coaches, and even suggested that all the folks at Auburn cared about was winning. No crap! College football is all about money and Freeze will bring with him no more baggage than did basketball coach Bruce Pearl when he was hired ears back. If Freeze can keep his nose clean he will be just as successful as Pearl and put Auburn back on the map as a football power.

*** *While I honestly believe the expansion* to a 12-team playoff in the College Football Playoff is more about TV money, it will be fun for the fans and give many more teams a chance to play for a national title. The new 12-team playoff will begin in the 2024 season with the top four seeds being awarded to the highest ranked conference champions. The remaining two conference champions, which in most years will be the lowest ranked Power 5 champion and the highest ranked Group of 5 (AAC, Conference USA, mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt) champion, will also get playoff spots, which means state schools such as UAB, South Alabama, Troy and Jacksonville State will all have a chance at winning a national title if they win their conference and are deemed by the committee to be one of the six best conference champs. The remaining six spots will go to at-large teams based on the highest ranked teams that are not conference champs, such as Alabama, Tennessee and possibly LSU. First round byes would go to the top four teams, with the remaining eight teams playing an opening round game at the home field of the highest ranked team. The four winners would then advance to play the top four teams that received byes at bowl games, followed by semifinal games and eventually a championship game. The format will change in 2026 with the approval of a new TV deal, which is expected to include moving the start of the season up one week in August and moving the second round games to the home field of the highest seeded team. If the new format was in place this season, Alabama would host Utah in the opening round and if it won, the Tide would then play TCU in the second round. The new world of college football may still be a year away, but it will be here before you know it!

Grab two big wins

Tigers dribble past Samson and 'Brockton

The Elba Tigers had a busy week on the hardwood with three games in four days and made the most of their time on the court as they posted wins over Samson 58-49 and New Brockton 60-44, while losing to Geneva 59-44.

Following are recaps of all three games:

Geneva 59 Elba 44

The Elba Tigers drained eight shots from behind the three-point line last Monday night in their home opener against Geneva, but connected on only 4 of 14 shots from the foul line and slipped to 0-3 on the season with a 59-44 loss to the Panthers.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the opening quarter behind the three-point shooting of Cameron Gray and Taylor Purvis, but cooled off late in the stanza and watched as Geneva snuck ahead 13-12 on a late three-pointer by Talan Johnson. The Panthers extended their lead to 20-12 midway through the second quarter as they began a parade to the free throw line, and while the Tigers did pull within 24-20 late in the quarter, Geneva regained command late and carried a 30-22 advantage in at the half.

Elba kept it close and trailed only 33-25 early in the third quarter after

a three-pointer by Jacob Watkins. However, Geneva used an 8-0 run to push its lead to 43-27 and owned a 43-30 lead heading into the final stanza. The Panthers grabbed their biggest lead of the night at 50-33 midway through the final stanza and held off a late Elba rally to hand the Tigers the 59-44 defeat.

Taylor Purvis and Cameron Gray scored 9 points apiece to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 7, JT Coleman 6, Cody Gray 5, Ty Sieving 3, Brayden Johnson 3 and Jamal Siler 2. Bryson Barton led the Panthers with 14 points.

Elba 58 Samson 49

The Elba Tigers scored the final eight points of the first half to pull ahead and scored the final seven points of the second half to pull away last Tuesday night to post a wild 58-49 road win over the Samson Tigers.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-2 lead in the first quarter as JT Coleman poured in seven points in a two-minute span, and the Tigers lead grew to 19-11 early in the second quarter after a three-pointer by Cody Gray and a basket by Jamal Siler. Samson rallied midway through the stanza and pulled even at 19-19, but the Tigers regained command behind the play

went on an early 9-0 run to grab a 24-22 advantage. The two county rivals were tied at 29-29 at the half, but the Tigers again rallied and pulled even at 37-37 heading into the final stanza on a basket by Jacob Watkins. Elba pulled out a 41-38 early in the fourth quarter on a driving lay-up by JT Coleman and this time managed to remain in command until 1:46 remaining on the clock when Samson cut the lead to 49-48. A put back by Jamal Siler after a missed free throw pushed the Tigers lead to 51-48, and while Samson did pull within 51-49 with 1:02 left, a baseline jumper in traffic by Ty Sieving sparked a 7-0 run as Elba held on to post the wild 58-49 win.

Elba, which was whistled for 23 fouls and had two starters foul out, was led in scoring by JT Coleman with 16 points, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cody Gray 10, Jacob Watkins 8, Jamal Siler 8, Taylor Purvis 7, Ty Sieving 5 and Cameron Gray 4. Samson, which connected on only 14 of 35 free throws, was led by Coy Ingram with 28 points.

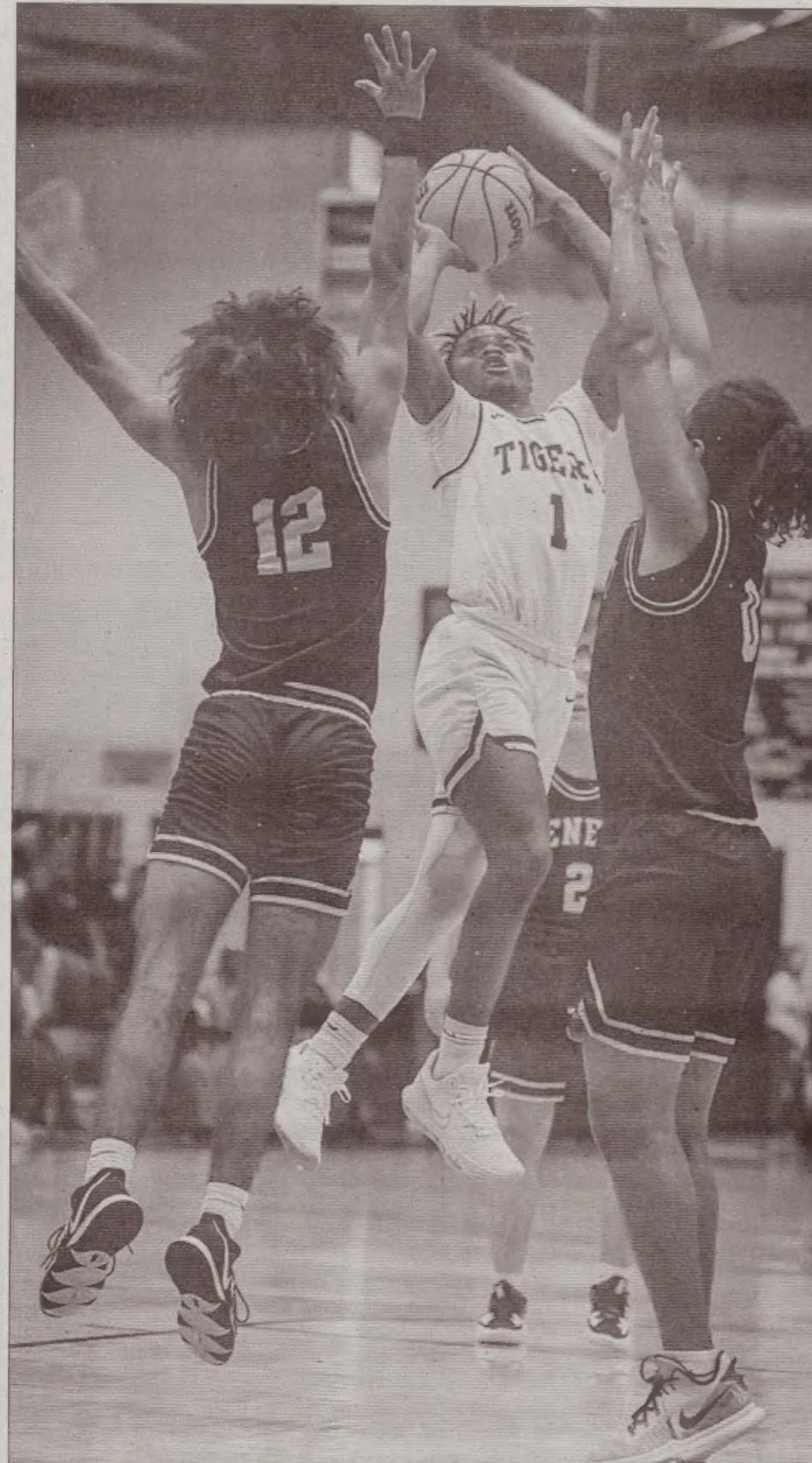
Elba 60 New Brockton 44

The Elba Tigers took charge in the second half to post an impressive 60-44 road win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Thursday night at the Gamecock gym.

New Brockton came out on fire and behind the 14-point explosion by Yassiah Rousseau poured in 22 first quarter points to jump out to a 22-15 lead. Elba began to chip away at the Gamecocks lead in the second quarter and sparked by a three-pointer by Cody Gray

five points, but Elba's JT Coleman and Cameron Gray both scored four points in the stanza and Ty Sieving added a lone three-pointer as the Tigers remained in command and claimed the big 60-44 win.

Cameron Gray scored 12 points and had 7 steals to lead Elba, while JT Coleman added 11 points, 10 rebounds, 7 assists and 5 steals; and, Jamal Siler added 11 points and 8 rebounds. Also scoring for Elba were Ty Sieving 9, Jacob Watkins 9, Cody Gray 4, Taylor Purvis 2 and Brayden Johnson 2. Yassiah Rousseau scored 22 points to lead the Gamecocks and Dallas Bourne added 10.



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (1) drives to the basket in last week's home opener against Geneva. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

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Claim first win of season

Lady Tigers bounce 'Brockton 53-40

The Elba Lady Tigers bounced back from a pair of early-week losses to Geneva 52-31 and Samson 54-41 to defeat New Brockton 53-40 to salvage a win in a busy week on the court.

Following is a recap of last week's basketball action:

Geneva 52 Elba 31

The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their season last Monday night at home against the Geneva Lady Panthers and never got on track offensively in a hard fought 52-31 loss.

Elba grabbed an early 1-0 lead on a free throw by Kendra Juarez, but saw Geneva score the game's next eight points to grab an 8-1 advantage and the Lady Panthers never slowed down as they stretched their lead to 29-7 midway through the second quarter. The Lady Tigers A'Lyric Whitfield scored six points in a two-minute span as Elba pulled within 29-15, but could get no closer as Geneva carried a 34-16 lead in at the half.

Geneva scored only nine points in the third quarter as the Elba defense stiffened, but the Lady Tigers only managed seven points of their own and trailed 43-23 heading into

the final stanza. The Lady Tigers battled until the final horn, but never threatened to rally and at the buzzer was on the wrong end of a 52-31 final score.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ny'Asia McCollough 8, Kendra Juarez 3, Tajah Purvis 2 and Anna Caldwell 2. Simone Minnifield scored 15 points and Kaden Ward added 11 to lead the Lady Panthers.

Samson 54 Elba 41

The Elba Lady Tigers scored the game's first basket to grab an early 2-0 lead, but never led again as they dropped a 54-41 decision to the Samson Lady Tigers, last Tuesday night in Samson.

Tajah Purvis hit a pair of free throws in the opening minute of the game to put Elba on top 2-0, but Samson pulled ahead 3-2 with 6:10 left in the quarter and carried a slim 9-7 lead into the second quarter after a late basket by the Lady Tigers A'Lyric Whitfield. Samson used a 9-2 run early in the second stanza to open up an 18-9 advantage, and while Elba had its problems finding its way to the basket, Samson had no such problems and

carried a 23-15 lead at

in New Brockton. Elba's lead grew to 25-15 early in the third quarter and the hometown five took advantage of numerous Elba turnovers to take command midway through the stanza. Elba made a mild rally early in the fourth quarter behind the play of Ny'Asia McCollough and pulled within 42-28, but Samson never lost command and despite a 14-point fourth quarter explosion by Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield easily held on to hand Elba the 54-41 defeat.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 22 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ny'Asia McCollough 9, Kendra Juarez 4, Tajah Purvis 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, and Yada Caldwell 2. Samson was led in scoring by Alli Brooke Godwin with 12 points, while Brantley Edborg added 11 and Holly Warren scored 10.

Elba 53 New Brockton 40

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed their first win of the young season Thursday night with a hard fought 53-40 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, which connected on only 10 of 29 free throws, was led by Ariana Smith with 10 points, while Courtney Keith added 8 and Casey Williams scored 6.



Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield (10) dribbles up court. Whitfield scored a total of 67 points in three games last week. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

High School Basketball ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Rebels tripped up by Dale County 67-42

The Zion Chapel Rebels never got on track in a 67-42 loss to the Dale County Warriors. Slade Grantham scored 17 points to lead the Rebels, while Dale County was led by Jamarion Scott with 17 points and Junior Smith with 12 points and 18 rebounds.

Brockton bounced by Red Tops 65-45

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped their season opener to the Slocumb Red Tops 65-45. Anthony Silar scored 16 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 12 to lead the Gamecocks, while Rashawn Miller scored 24 points and Brody Campbell added 17 to lead Slocumb.

Zion Chapel falls to Ariton 51-50

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their recent struggles on the court with a 51-50 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Slade Grantham scored 13 points and Joseph Legear added 10 to lead the Rebels.

Kinston ambushed by Raiders 64-41

The Kinston Bulldogs were no match for the undefeated Houston Academy Raiders and lost 64-41 at home. Tripp Hawthorne scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Connor Tew added 11 and Reece Hall scored 10 points. Kadyln Mitchell scored 24 points to lead the Raiders.

GIRLS:

Zion Chapel edged by Ariton 46-44

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 46-44 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Madison Meeks scored 21 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Nya Allen scored 21 points and grabbed 8 rebounds and Macileigh Bragg added 9 points and 7 rebounds to lead the Lady Cats.

New Brockton rips Red Tops 52-22

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks snapped a 68-game losing streak last Tuesday night with a big 52-22 win over the Slocumb Lady Red Tops. Reese Eddins scored 16 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Casey Williams added 14 and Courtney Keith scored 7. Lainey Hagler led Slocumb with 13 points.

Zion Chapel ambushed by Warriors 37-26

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 37-26 decision to the Dale County Lady Warriors. Madison Meeks scored 10 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Jas Smith scored 16 points and Myesa Kennedy added 14 to lead Dale County.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Geneva 54-27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a 54-27 decision to the Geneva Lady Panthers. Kaley Norris scored 14 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Geneva was led by Simone Minnifield with 14 points and Cheyenne Hammock with 12.

Kinston hammered by Headland 71-27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs never had a chance in a 71-27 loss to the Headland Lady Rams. Alexus Neal scored 25 points and pulled down 18 rebounds to lead Headland, while Jayla Franklin added 15 points and 5 steals.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Gamecocks caged by Red Tops 41-27

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a 41-27 decision to the Slocumb Red Tops. Josiah Peterson scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while Quincy Owens scored 11 points for Slocumb.

Zion Chapel falls to Warriors 33-21

The Zion Chapel Rebels lost to the Dale County Warriors 33-21. Tyrel Thrower scored 13 points and Jayden McGhee added 11 to lead Dale County to the win.

Kinston falls to Houston Academy 42-14

The Kinston Bulldogs never challenged in a 42-14 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Thomas Buntin and Brody Conner both scored 9 points to lead the Raiders, while Renaldo Young added 7.

Elba Tigers JV open season with three exciting wins

The Elba Tigers junior varsity tipped off their season last week and claimed three hard fought wins over Geneva 47-43, Samson 32-31 and New Brockton 39-36 to end the week with a perfect 3-0 record.

Following is a recap of last week's basketball action:

Elba 47 Geneva 43

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to claim an exciting 47-43 win over the Geneva Panthers, last Monday afternoon in Elba.

Brady Johnson scored 12 points and Javante Griggs added 11 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 5, Jordan Hammonds 6, Javante Griggs 2, Kalil Magwood 2 and Matthew McCart 2. Kelin Hornsby scored 14 points to lead Samson.

Elba 32 Samson 31

Elba's Brady Johnson connected on two free throws with 31-seconds left on the clock to lift the Tigers to an exciting 32-31 road win over the Samson Tigers, last Tuesday night in Samson.

Elba 39 New Brockton 36

The Elba Tigers closed out a winning week with an exciting 39-36 road win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Thursday afternoon at the Gamecock gym.

Javante Griggs scored 15 points and Jordan Hammonds added 13 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Kalil Magwood 7, Emmanuel Cooks 5, Matthew McCart 5, Jordan Hammonds 4 and Cassidy Carpenter 3. Hayden Love scored 12 points to lead the Panthers.

Elba 32 Samson 31

Elba's Brady Johnson connected on two free throws with 31-seconds left on the clock to lift the Tigers to an exciting 32-31 road win over the Samson Tigers, last Tuesday night in Samson.

Brantley sweep Pleasant Home to open season

Brantley tipped off its basketball season Friday night and made it a clean sweep over the Pleasant Home Eagles as the Bulldogs battled to a 73-66 win, the Lady Bulldogs coasted to a 36-15 win and the Bulldogs JV posted a wild 73-71 win.

Following are highlights of all three wins:

Varsity Boys:

Brantley 73 Pleasant Home 66

The Brantley Bulldogs had to battle for all four quarters to claim a hard fought 73-66 win over the pesky Pleasant Home Eagles, Friday night at a noisy Bulldog gym.

Brantley jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on baskets by Robert Shine and Lorey Bogen and with 4:10 left in the quarter appeared in command when a bucket by Jayles Tyson put the Bulldog on top 12-5. Pleasant Home refused to allow the Bulldogs to pull further away; however, and nailed a pair of three pointers late in the stanza to pull within 20-18 heading into the second quarter.

Brantley moved ahead 29-24 with 4:08 left in the second quarter on a three pointer by Harper Kilcrease and pulled out to a 39-31 lead with 46-seconds left in the half on a basket by Bogen, but the Eagles again rallied late and scored the final five points of the half to cut the Brantley lead to 39-36 at intermission.

Brantley's Jayden Parks came out on fire in the third quarter and sparked an 8-0 Brantley run with a pair of three pointers to extend the Bulldogs lead to 47-36, but Pleasant Home once again battled back as the Eagles used a 9-0 run to pull within 47-45 with 4:34 left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs carried a 56-51 lead into the fourth quarter and upped their lead to 60-53 with 6:14 left in the stanza, only to see the Eagles drain a trio of three pointers in a one-minute span to pull within 65-64 with 3:50 left on the clock. A lay-up and a free throw by Jayden Parks helped the Bulldogs open up a 68-64 lead with only 14-seconds remaining, and Brantley held on for the 73-66 win.

Daylan Davis scored 18 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Jayden Parks added 16 points and Lorey Bogen scored 11. Also scoring for the Bulldogs were Harper Kilcrease 7, Jon Bush 6, Jordan Parks 6, Robert Shine 6 and Jayles Tyson 3.

Girls Varsity:

Brantley 36 Pleasant Home 15

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled to a 17-0 second quarter lead and never looked back in an easy 36-15 win over the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles.

Jahya Oliver scored six points in the first quarter to help Brantley open up a 9-0 lead, while Coco Stamps added two baskets in the second quarter as the Lady Bulldogs carried a 17-2 lead in at the half. The Lady Bulldogs continued to dominate action on both ends of the court in the third quarter and led by the play of Stamps extended their lead to 24-2 with 3:50 left in the stanza. The Lady Eagles began to find their way to the basket in the fourth quarter behind the play of Hailey Ward, but it was way too little, way too late, as Brantley easily held on to post the lopsided 36-15 win.

Coco Stamps scored 12 points to lead Brantley, while Jahya Oliver added 9 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, and Alex Grimes added 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Zamyius Mount scored 6 points.

Junior Varsity:

Brantley 73 Pleasant Home 71

The Brantley Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard and needed every point as they outscored the Pleasant Home Eagles 73-71, in junior varsity action. Jackson Mitchell poured in 30 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Andre Wright added 19. Also scoring for Brantley were Fred Bogen 13, Bryan Thomas 5, Micah Bush 4 and Carson Rutledge 2. John Luke Colvin scored 25 points and Noah Boles added 16 to lead the Eagles.

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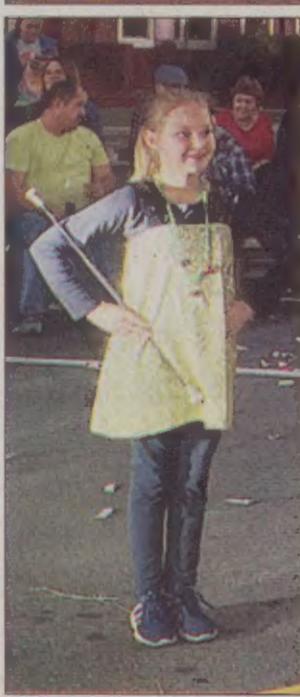
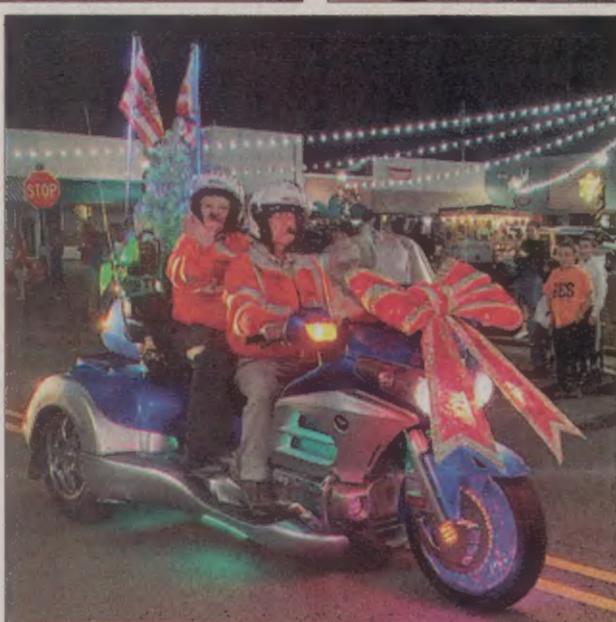
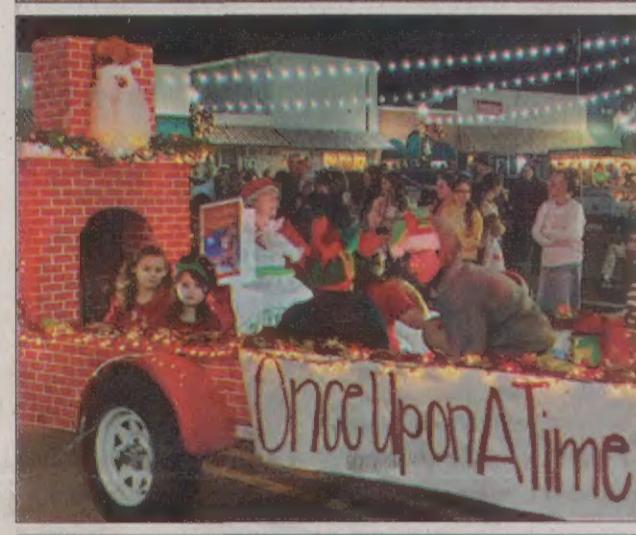
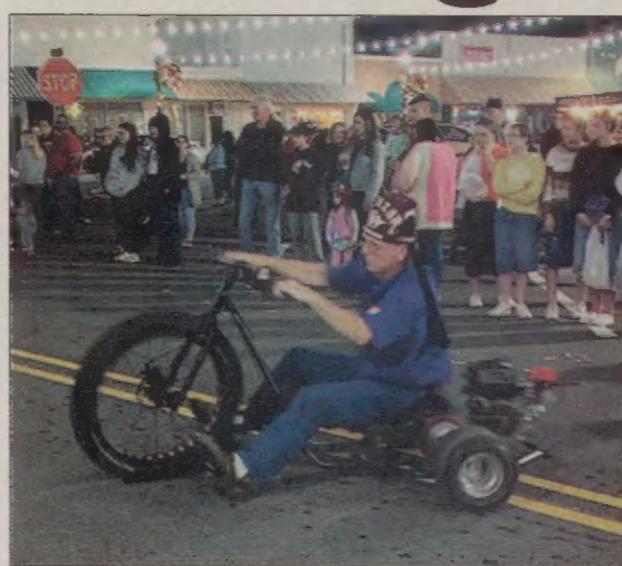
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